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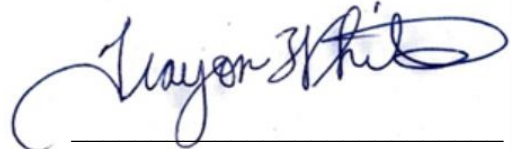
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27 A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

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31 IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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35 To declare the month of June 2026 as “Gun Violence Awareness Month” in the District of
36 Columbia.

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38 WHEREAS, Hadiya Pendleton, a teenager from Chicago who marched in the presidential
39 inaugural parade in January 2013 and was tragically shot and killed weeks later, should be
40 celebrating her 29th birthday this year;

41 WHEREAS, to help honor Hadiya and to raise awareness of the epidemic of gun violence
42 in the United States, a national coalition of organizations has designated the first Friday in June as
43 National Gun Violence Awareness Day and the month of June as Gun Violence
44 Awareness Month;

45 WHEREAS, each year in the United States nearly 46,000 individuals are killed, nearly
46 97,000 individuals are wounded by gunfire, more than 19,000 individuals are killed in homicides
47 involving guns, nearly 26,000 individuals die by suicide using a gun, and more than 500
48 individuals are killed in unintentional shootings;¹

49 WHEREAS, firearms are the leading cause of death for children and teens in the
50 United States;²

51 WHEREAS, Black residents are disproportionately impacted by gun violence, with 9 out
52 of 10 victims of homicides and nonfatal shootings in the District of Columbia involving Black
53 individuals;³

54 WHEREAS, while the District has made significant progress towards the reduction of gun
55 violence, with a reduction from 431 to 103 offenses involving a gun from 2025 to 2026, continued
56 progress is necessary to end gun violence in the District;⁴

57 WHEREAS, gun violence prevention requires comprehensive public safety investments
58 including community investments in housing stability, a strong educational system, a pathway for
59 jobs, access to health care, bolstering communities through trauma healing, and investing in
60 community violence intervention services; and

¹ [Pew Research](#)

² [John Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health](#)

³ [DC Justice Lab; Giffords](#)

⁴ [Office of Gun Violence Prevention](#)

61 WHEREAS, the Council of the District of Columbia remains committed to ending gun
62 violence in the District and building a peaceful city for all residents.

63 RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this
64 resolution may be cited as the “Gun Violence Awareness Month Recognition Resolution of 2026”.

65 Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia declares the month of June 2026 as “Gun
66 Violence Awareness Month” in the District of Columbia and encourages all District residents to
67 look for ways to support their local communities’ efforts to prevent the tragic effects of
68 gun violence and honor and value precious human life.

69 Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.